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ICE ARRESTS SOUTHFIELD MAN ON FIREARMS CHARGES

Suspect is also wanted by police in Windsor, Ontario, for attempted murder

DETROIT — A Southfield, Mich., man was arrested early today by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents for transporting a firearm in foreign commerce with the intent of committing a felony.

According to the affidavit supporting the complaint, eyewitnesses reported that Raelin Coleman, 20, engaged in a dispute Aug. 22 with an individual at his residence in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Coleman, along with two women (identified as Halimo Rirash and Ulimo Rirash), left the Canadian man's residence and entered the United States about 12:52 a.m. through the Windsor Tunnel. Windsor Police Department interviewed witnesses who said Coleman then drove to his Southfield, Mich., residence, retrieved a Remington 810 12-gauge shotgun, and placed it in his vehicle.

Coleman and the two women then returned to the Canadian's residence, and another argument ensued. Coleman retrieved the shotgun from his vehicle and fired one shot from close range, striking the victim in the thigh. Coleman and the two women returned to the vehicle and departed.

After departing, Coleman discarded the shotgun in the Detroit River. He was by himself when he re-entered the United States about 2:46 a.m. via the Ambassador Bridge.

The two women, Halimo Rirash and Ulimo Rirash, were arrested by Windsor Police Department at 4:10 a.m. and charged with attempted murder.

The Ontario Provincial Police Underwater Recovery Team recovered a Remington 810 12-gauge shotgun from the Detroit River Aug. 24, in the vicinity where Coleman discarded his weapon. Upon inspection, the recovered shotgun was found to contain one spent shotgun shell casing inside the chamber/breach.

ICE special agents, assisted by the Michigan State Police and Southfield Police Department, executed a search warrant at Coleman's residence in Southfield. This investigation is ongoing.

Coleman is scheduled to appear this afternoon on the criminal complaint in U.S. District Court in Detroit. This case has been accepted for prosecution by Assistant U.S. Attorney John Freeman, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.